

## AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:  
counting ~~an untransmitted~~ a silence frame to determine a count of silence frames at a receiving station;  
determining a silence description frame at the receiving station ~~that includes the count of silence frames, wherein~~ the silence description frame has having a size equivalent to the size of an active frame, the silence description frame including:  
a first pattern to differentiate the silence description frame from the active frame,  
a packet that describes comfortable noise,  
the count of silence frames, and  
a second pattern to indicate an end of the silence description frame; and  
storing the silence description frame.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
receiving the active frame; and  
storing the active frame.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising decoding a file comprising an active frame and the silence description frame.
- 4-5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said counting ~~an untransmitted~~ silence frame comprises determining a sequence of frames that comprises a silence frame.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said determining a silence description frame comprises determining a frame to decode as an invalid frame.
9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said storing the silence description frame comprises storing the silence description frame adjacent to the active frame.

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a network interface to receive packets; and

a silence description frame filer coupled to said network interface to determine a count of silence frames based on the received packets; and

a data storage device coupled to said silence description frame filer to store a silence description frame ~~that includes the count of silence frames, wherein the silence description frame has having~~ a size equivalent to the size of an active frame-, the silence description frame including:

a first pattern to differentiate the silence description frame from the active frame,

a packet that describes comfortable noise,

the count of silence frames, and

a second pattern to indicate an end of the silence description frame.

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a decoder to decode a file comprising the active frame and the silence description frame.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said network interface comprises a packet-switching interface.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said silence description frame filer comprises a microprocessor coupled to said data storage device.

15. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said silence description frame filer comprises a microprocessor to count ~~an-untransmitted~~ the silence frames.

16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said silence description frame filer comprises a microprocessor to determine the silence description frame.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said data storage device comprises a data storage controller coupled to said silence description frame filer.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said data storage device comprises a memory device coupled to said silence description frame filer.

19. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:  
a transmitting station including a variable-size packet transmitter to transmit packets; and  
a receiving station including a silence description frame filer coupled to said variable-size  
packet transmitter to receive the packets and to store a silence description frame, the silence  
description frame that includes a count of silence frames and having a size equivalent to the  
size of an active frame-, the silence description frame including:

a first pattern to differentiate the silence description frame from the active frame,  
a packet that describes comfortable noise,  
the count of silence frames, and  
a second pattern to indicate an end of the silence description frame.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19, further comprising a decoder coupled to an output device.

21. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein said variable-size packet transmitter comprises a microprocessor to encode active audio in a fixed-size packet.

22. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein said variable-size packet transmitter comprises a microprocessor to encode a video difference in a fixed-size packet.

23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 19, wherein said silence description frame filer comprises microprocessor to store ~~a~~the silence description frame.

24-30. (Canceled)